

Appln. No. 10/805,764
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 were pending in the application. Claims 1-20 were subject to restriction and/or election requirement. No claims were merely objected to and no claims were allowed. By the foregoing amendment, no claims are canceled, claims 11 and 14 are amended, and no claims are added. No new matter is presented.

Restriction was required as follows:

- I. Claims 1-16; and
- II. Claims 17-20.

Election was required as follows:

- A. Claims 1-10;
- B. Claims 11-13; and
- C. Claims 14-16.

The particular identification of an election requirement amongst claims seems unusual. Nevertheless, Applicant elects as if it were a restriction requirement.

Accordingly, Applicant elects the invention of Group I (claims 1-16) and the "species" of claims 1-10. By definition, claims 1-10 are readable upon the identified species.

The election is with traverse on the grounds that the inventions and species are sufficiently related so as to be searchable in a single application without undue burden. Specifically, and at a minimum, the search classes of the identified species would be expected to be entirely or substantially overlapping.

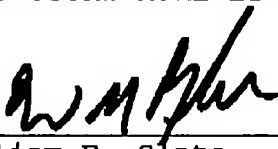
The amendments to claims 11 and 14 correct obvious typographical errors. If any further support regarding claim 11 is required, it can easily be found in claim 4.

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If any fees are required in connection with this case, it
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